

## MINUTES

### JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2007

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

**RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The following were in attendance:  
PRESENT: Fasana, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Gaston  
ABSENT: Finlay  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Mark Montgomery led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION** A moment of reflection was observed.

**FITNESS WARM-UP** Fasana led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Karen Herrera announced Foothill Cities College Fair and financial aid seminars on October 2, Festival of Authors on October 6, College Prep Seminar on October 18, Household Hazardous Waste Round-up on October 13, and displayed the Mayor's Trophy awarded to Duarte High School Band and Best Float Trophy awarded to the City of Duarte.

Nita Norgard, Friends of the Duarte Library, thanked staff for the wonderful picnic, and encouraged all to attend the Festival of Authors event.

Robert Cuite, Duarte Ed Foundation, announced Wild West Dinner on October 13, 6:00 p.m., at the Community Center.

**SPECIAL ITEMS**

Recognition – Miguel Vallejos 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Karen Herrera introduced Miguel Vallejos, and presented him with a cake in recognition of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mayor Gaston presented Mr. Vallejos with a certificate, and congratulations were extended.

Recognition – Our Inheritance Gina and Leandro Orozco Mayor Gaston introduced Gina and Leandro Orozco, who led the group Our Inheritance in a Folklorico performance. Mayor Gaston presented a certificate to Mr. and Mrs. Orozco for their volunteerism and service to our youth.

Presentation – Monrovia Welcome Wagon John Watson and Hal Leavens made a presentation about the Monrovia Welcome Wagon Program sponsored by the Monrovia Historic Preservation Group, and described the variety of information that is included in the packets that are delivered to new residents in the city of Monrovia.

Presentation – Cal Am Water Todd Brown and Melinda Weinrich, Cal Am Water, provided an overview of the current water supply situation in Southern California and in the City of Duarte, and discussed opportunities for residents to participate in water conservation programs.

Lino Paras stated he advocates water conservation, the City is a big user of water, and all should do their part.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.  
Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, F.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS  
City Manager's Employment  
Agreement – Amendment No. 3

Slater described the terms of the proposed amendment to the City Manager's Employment Agreement.

Lino Paras stated he is a supporter of Mr. George, he is a unifying force, and he doesn't have a problem with the 10% increase in salary.

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve Amendment No. 3 to the City Manager's Employment Agreement, and carried unanimously.

City Commissions schedule and  
Workshop

George discussed the possibility of conducting a Workshop to discuss and reevaluate current City Commissions. Herrera provided information about the number of Commission vacancies set to expire on December 31, 2007, tentative Commission appointment schedule, and request for City Council direction on conducting a Workshop concerning the number, type, structure, and responsibilities of City Commissions.

There was discussion about restructuring Commissions, input from current Commissioners, timeline for implementing possible changes to the Duarte Municipal Code, interim appointments, City Council priorities, appointment process, and the need for a Workshop.

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to place the Commission appointment schedule on hold, and to schedule a Commission Workshop on October 9, 2007, with the regular City Council Meeting to begin at 4:30 p.m., and carried unanimously. It was determined that all City Commissioners would be notified about the Workshop and be invited to attend and/or submit their input in writing.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:

Lino Paras – Commission workshop.

Steve Hernandez – Commission workshop.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/  
CITY MANAGER

FASANA: Announced upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up and Community Cleanup Day; stated it was an honor to have Mr. Vallejos attend the meeting tonight; attended the COG meeting, and stated due to the lack of a quorum, they took a tour of the Alameda East Corridor; and stated the parade was incredible, and thanked Committee members.

PARAS-CARACCI: With regard to community volunteerism, stated she received a number of emails about the parade and stated the parade showed the true character of the City; thanked Public Safety for its work at the parade, and thanked staff for the picnic; congratulated Silvia Hurtado as outgoing President of Kiwanis; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Deputy Nakauchi and his wife Beatriz.

REYES: Stated the parade was wonderful, the elements did not put a damper on everyone's spirits, and thanked all volunteers and staff; attended Rotary Golf Tournament, and stated it was a great event, and the Golf Course and Restaurant are great; and wished all a Happy Moon Festival.

GEORGE: Thanked staff for their efforts at the picnic, in particular Donna Georgino and Becky Evans, who did an outstanding job; and stated the City received the First Place Trophy for Best Float.

GASTON: Thanked Nicola George for hosting Ms. California USA; stated she has an autographed picture of Margaret Kerry

for the time capsule; congratulated Evelyn de Jesus as incoming President of Duarte Kiwanis, Karen Herrera as Vice President, and Ed Cox as Secretary; attended the Contract Cities Meeting hosted by L. A. County Fire Department; provided information to City Manager about event honoring Art and Sarah Ludwick of Rainbird, and a citizen request pertaining to zip code change; stated the L.A. Watts Times Newspaper would like to do a tribute to the City and would like profiles of Councilmembers for its November 25 issue; read a portion of a letter from Pastor Earle about the parade; congratulated the Duarte High School football team on its win; requested information as to the number of youth and the amount of dollars invested per child in our community; noted the Buena Vista Pavilion event will end in December 2007, and the float building operation will move to Irwindale; and stated she is glad to hear an injured deputy is still on the job.

ADJOURNMENT

Reyes moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m., in memory of Deputy Dennis Nakauchi and his wife Beatriz, to 4:30 p.m. on October 9, 2007, and carried unanimously.

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Mayor Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

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City Clerk